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Mr. Frederick Winant  
Acting Director  
Foreign Economics Division  
National Security Resources Board  
Room 314, Old State Building  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Winant:

We have received through Mr. Sheppard a requirement originated by Mr. Elting Arnold for information concerning spending and financing in the United States by the USSR. This information is needed by the Inter-Departmental Committee which is presently conducting a study on Foreign Assets Control.

Unfortunately, the Central Intelligence Agency is unable to be of assistance in this case. The information which is asked for concerns activities within the United States and, therefore, falls within the jurisdiction and cognizance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. CIA cannot properly disclose information which it receives from the FBI and for which the FBI is responsible.

Mr. Arnold's letter indicates that he is requesting the FBI to supply the information, and we believe that he will receive from that source all the data which the Committee will need on this subject.

I am sorry that we cannot be of assistance in this initial request. Please be assured, however, of our readiness to cooperate in every way possible in the overall activities of the Committee. [ ] and [ ] of this Office are available at all times to accept and discuss requirements generated by the Committee's work, and we are most grateful for the courtesies you have shown them. Please call upon them whenever you think it possible that CIA might be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

*James H. Andrews*

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Assistant Director

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